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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST THALIDOMIDE CASE

REF: STATE 123372 AND DUSSELDORF 0408

1. INFORM CONGRESSWOMAN MARTHA W. GRIFFITHS RE THALIDOMIDE CASE OF HER CONSTITUENT JOSEPH LIVO THAT THE GERMAN AID FOUNDATION FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN HAS ASSURED US BY PHONE OF IMPARTIAL HANDLING OF ALL THALIDOMIDE CLAIM CASES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO NATIONALITY OF APPLICANT.
2. ACCORDING TO THE PROCEDURE WHICH WAS EXPLAINED TO US, PAYMENTS ARE AWARDED ACCORDING TO THE DEGREE OF IMPAIRMENT SEEN AND CERTIFIED BY A BOARD OF PHYSICIANS. THREE LEVELS OF PAYMENTS ARE UTILIZED, DEPENDING ON THE DEGREE OF IMPAIRMENT. THE AWARD IN MR. LIVO'S CASE (REPORTED BY DUESSELDORF'S REFTEL) IS AT THE HIGHEST OF THE THREE LEVELS.
3. THE FOUNDATION FURTHER ADVISED US THAT NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FROM MR. LIVO HAD BEEN RECEIVED, THE CLAIM HAD BEEN PROCESSED, AND THE LIVO CASE WAS NOW IN A "PAY STATUS". BECAUSE PAYMENTS ARE HANDLED BY COMPUTER ON A MID-MONTH CYCLE, THE FIRST LIVO CHECKS SHOULD BE PROCESSED ABOUT MID-JULY AND IS EXPECTED TO BE DISPATCHED FOR DEPOSIT TO HIS BANK ACCOUNT ON JULY 31.
4. THE FOUNDATION INDICATED IT WOULD BE PLEASED TO ANSWER ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS MR. LIVO HAS BY MAIL. DURING OUR SEVERAL TELEPHONE CONTACTS FOUNDATION OFFICIALS HAVE APPEARED COOPERATIVE AND FORTHCOMING, AND GENUINELY INTERESTED IN

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PROCESSING THE LIVO CLAIM CORRECTLY AND EFFICIENTLY.

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